

## The Holloway Case

After W. M. Holloway was elected in the primary over W. N. Sheats, who had charged him with forgery and had commenced suit against him for criminal libel, there came a suggestion from several people that the case against Holloway be dropped.

We did not indorse this suggestion.

If sufficient evidence was at hand, before the primary election was held, to bring Mr. Holloway before the courts on a criminal charge, we thought that the necessity for a trial was THE MORE URGENT after the result of the primary election had placed the accused among those to be trusted with public office.

If Holloway the candidate, was charged with crime, Holloway the office-holder should not be allowed to continue to serve the people without being purged of the charge by a competent court acting on the verdict of a jury of his peers.

We were pleased to note that the case against Holloway was not dropped.

We are glad that the case went to trial. We were also pleased when the array of legal talent on both sides offered proof that nothing would be left undone to get at the truth.



We are delighted that the trial resulted in the acquittal of Mr. Holloway. With this satisfactory ending we are in full accord with all men who can now with all propriety say:

"Let the Holloway case be dropped from topics that are discussed."

Congratulations are due THE PEOPLE whose cause has been upheld in the trial of one of their servants charged with crime, and who has been found worthy.

Congratulations are due Mr. Holloway, who has triumphed in his fight to clear his name.

The count of the actual cash in the National Treasury, made two months ago, showed that the Government had on hand in greenbacks, silver and gold, \$1,259,598,278.58. There is now a shortage. We have annexed the 58 cents.

Last November, the day after the election William Randolph Hearst, published an editorial under the head Democracy Is Defeated But Not Discouraged. The result of the elections in Ohio and New York one year later, shows that Mr. Hearst spoke a parable.

It has again leaked out that the cotton growers have organized to hold the price of the staple to 15 cents. In the meantime the farmers of Hanover Square are putting the price up or down as of yore.

Tatum of Miami will start a Keely Institute in Jacksonville. Now is the time to get on that last periodical before the gold spigot is turned on.

## No Women in Politics, Please

Pressure was lately brought to bear on Governor Broward to induce him to appoint a woman to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for Duval County.

WE ARE GLAD THAT HE DID NOT YIELD TO IT.

We think it would be a misfortune to society to have a woman hold a political office in this State.

In this hustling commercial age, we see one by one our cherished ideals go by the board.

Let us hold to as many as we can, as long as we can.

Our Northern neighbors laugh at us in the South, because we cling to some of the ideals that our fathers loved and handed down to us as precious heir-looms.

LET THEM LAUGH.

We may not gather as many acorns under the industrial oak, as our Northern brothers do (although we are not so sure about that given an equal chance) but, we are transported by the beauties of the delicate fern leaf growing among the acorns, which our more eager brother entirely misses.

The ideal by which we of the South are most honored is THE DEFERENCE WE PAY TO WOMAN.

It has long been a part of the Southern ideal that our women should be guarded against the buffets of the world; that they should be made safe and secure in the home circle in which we have built them a shrine, and of which they are the soul and brightest ornament.

It would be a shock to this beautiful sentiment if a woman should be appointed by the Governor of the State to an office that carries the duties that this one does.

The woman superintendent would be compelled to visit negro schools, examine negro applicants, male and female, for teacher positions, and otherwise come in contact with negroes.

While contact with negroes as servants does no violation to Southern sentiment, contact with them in any way that brings them on an equality does.

Besides all this, which we confess is sentiment pure and simple, we do not believe that a woman is LIKELY TO HAVE the training necessary to fit her for the duties of an office which requires great executive ability for its proper conduct.

Some particular woman may have had this training which would prove her an exception, but the chances are against it.

The appointment of Mrs. Dearborn, clerk of the circuit for Dade County, is not a good precedent, neither does it fit all cases. Mrs. Dearborn is the widow of the late clerk, and needed the salary, for her support. Besides, Mrs. Dearborn's is an office position, NOT A FIELD ONE.

Unfortunately our social system is so imperfect, that women are compelled to go out in the world to support themselves. This is unfortunate, it is not, therefore a good argument in favor of women holding public office.

The world would be a better place to live in, if women could be saved from the necessity of earning their bread.

Let us approach as near as possible to this ideal arrangement.

Appoint women to office and we will soon find them running in a primary election.

Save us from this catastrophe!

## POEMS WORTH READING

We are quite sure that Florida holds within its borders many persons, male and female who have the souls of poets and lack but the opportunity to ignite poetical fires within their breasts.

We would like to have these fires illumine the pages of The Sun, and in order that this much-desired illumination may begin we offer a

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for the best original poem sent us by January 1, 1906.

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